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THE SECRET OF BLACK CANYON

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Mike Donovan appears in Sunset Valley.

SYNOPSIS

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While riding through the hills, Dick Halsey is directed to dense

clouds of smoke coming from the hills and on his way to investigate

hears an explosion. Urging his horse forward he goes to the still

town, Sunset Valley. His first visit is to the home of Judge

Markham to see his daughter, Dora, a boyhood sweetheart, to whom

he now declares his love, and is accepted.

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good news, but hearing a noise, puts down the jugs and draws his gun.

and now has mortgaged their home to the limit. He is delighted to

know that Dora's future is settled as he has a weak heart and fears

the worst.

Upon this scene comes Alex Carr, also a native of Sunset Valley,

who has been away for a number of years, and who keeps the reason

for his return a secret. He really owns a still operated by a

negro, John B. Corn, fat and lazy.

After promising to call on Dora the following evening, Dick

visits the sheriff, once his boss, and learns from him that the

town is trying to discover bootleggers operating in that section.

Going to a saloon, Dick is partaking of a "soft" drink when Carr, who

has been there for some time and has passed his bottle of moonshine

around to the cowboys, now offers him the bottle, but Dick refuses

to partake of it. Under the influence of this liquor, one of the

cowboys insists upon Dick drinking some and forces the bottle in

his hand. Dick drops it on the floor, spilling the contents and

furiously the opponent tells Dick to lick it up. They face one

another for a moment and then fight it out with bare fists. Big

and husky the cowboy gives a good showing, but liquor soaked, he

cannot stand the strain, and soon Dick has him laying flat on his

back, subdued.

The situation has become so serious, that U. S. Marshall,

Mike Donovan appears in Sunset Valley.

While riding through town, Dick's attention is directed to dense clouds of smoke coming from the hills and on his way to investigate hears an explosion. Urging his horse forward he comes to the still now wrecked, but to his surprise sees a trickle of oil coming out of the earth. And best of all, this property belongs to the Judge.

Filling two jugs with oil, Dick hastens to tell the Judge the good news, but hearing a noise, puts down the jugs and draws his gun. But it was only the negro, who had slept peacefully through the explosion, changing his position. Dick picks up two jugs, but accidentally only takes one with oil; the other is filled with whiskey. On his way to town he meets the Marshall, who, seeing the jugs hanging from Dick's saddle, asks to see what they contain and takes the one filled with Whiskey. Wanting to keep the knowledge of the oil discovery a secret for a while, Dick allows the Marshall to look him up. Dora waits for him that evening and cannot imagine what has detained him.

Carr has also visited the still and is shocked at the condition but looking around, also discovers the oil oozing out of the ground. Hastening to the Judge, Carr makes him an offer for the property based on its previous value. The Judge is compelled to tell him that he cannot give a clear deed as the second mortgage has not been paid and expires the following day at 3 o'clock. Carr suggests that he go to town and pay the mortgage.

Waking and see the still wrecked frightens the negro who runs to town where he is told by a citizen that the boss of bootleggers is in jail. Thinking it is Carr, he writes a note, alluding to him as the "boss" and throws it into the cell. Dick gets it and concealing his face, calls Corn to the window - puts his hands through the bars - catches the negro by the neck, and ~~chokes~~ chokes the truth from his lips.

The following morning the Judge and Dora pay a visit to Dick.

The Sheriff tells them of the serious charge against Dick and goes to bring him from his cell, while Dora investigates the jugs. She gets the one containing the oil. Then Dick tells them of his find and the treachery of Carr and urges the necessity of hastening to the bank to take up the note before Carr gets there. They allow him to go - he jumps to the back of "Star", takes a short cut - following no path but cutting off distance - till he comes in sight of Carr. Throwing his lariat he catches Carr around the shoulders, but in tightening the rope he is pulled from the saddle and rolls down the hill. "Star" follows him, sees he is unconscious, and going to the nearest cabin and filling a pail with water, throws it over Dick's face. They set off again after Carr and catch up with him just outside the bank. Dick drags him from his auto, rolls him in the sand, thumps and punches him till he is exhausted, just as the sheriff, the Judge and Dora ride up, followed by the deputies, who immediately take charge of Carr. Dick suddenly remembers the note - rushes to the bank - pays the \$5,000 due and presents the note to the Judge, in exchange for which he gets the Judge's daughter.

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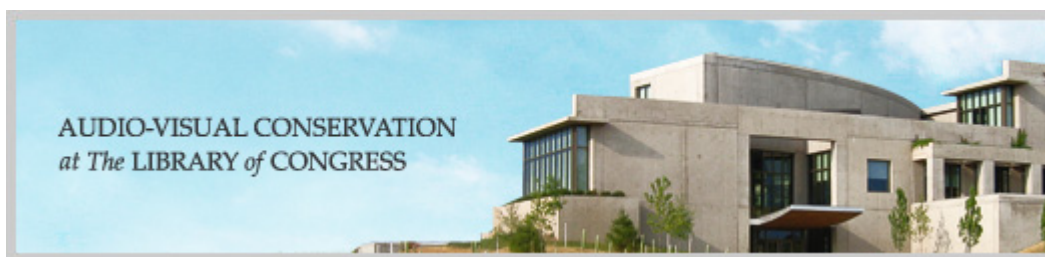
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